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Junior Rian Kochel (right), the promotion director of KBGA, cheers with fellow employees after a pledge came in boosting the radio station's total donations to \$3,000 Wednesday afternoon in the KBGA studio. The college-run radio station is hosting its annual radiothon through Valentine's Day, their goal this year is \$15,000.

## KBGA radio cashes in on-air

Lucia Stewart  
Montana Kaimin

KBGA gave away more than 400 CDs and records Monday to kick off its radiothon, an annual fund-raiser for the University of Montana nonprofit radio station. The offices at KBGA were bustling with activity. Phone lines were ringing. DJ personalities were jiving on-air. Music was blaring. "It is rare that we are all here together," said Brendan Finney, KBGA's program director. "When we all get together to work towards one thing that we work toward all the time ... excitement breeds excitement." At 5 p.m. Wednesday, KBGA broke \$3,000, baby-stepping its way up the thermometer toward its \$15,000 goal for Saturday. "It has been slow to get going, but we received over \$1,000 today," said Mark Schmitt,

**UM college radio station gets closer to \$15,000 goal**

KBGA's business manager. The high-frequency activity on 89.9 FM was radiating through the airwaves this week, bringing out the real personalities of KBGA DJs. "DJ Edo right now has a baby-tight KBGA T-shirt on and he says if anyone calls in and pledges \$50, he will walk around the UC in it," a DJ said Wednesday afternoon on air. Laughter and cheers resonated in the background. KBGA is taking advantage of the once-a-year Federal Communications Commission rule permitting the DJs to say qualitative and quantitative references, which are usually prohibited. In other words, they can refer to donations and say phrases to "get the audience excited about us," Finney said. Donations from local Missoula businesses to KBGA, ranging in value from stickers to lift tickets, give listeners incentives to call and pledge their support. "Every year it costs more to run

a radio station," Schmitt said. "This year we have hired more staff, creating an educational resource." KBGA employs more than 20 students and 120 volunteer DJs. The radiothon brings in 15 percent of the station's budget. Underwriting — financial support for on-air promotions of local businesses — brings in 25 percent. The \$35 activity/radio fee paid by every UM student makes up the rest of the budget. Being a nonprofit organization, KBGA's budget goes directly back into the listening community with daily newscasts, concerts and 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-a-year programming, Schmitt said. Listeners' music requests are pulled from a 16,000 CD and record library shelved at the station, all received as promotions from record companies. This is the week KBGA reminds listeners why we are here and what we do, Finney said, "to get the audience excited about us."

## Library to send notices via e-mail

Myers Reece  
Montana Kaimin

If you haven't received a late fee notice from the Mansfield Library recently, it doesn't mean you can keep your book. It just means you better check your umontana.edu e-mail. On Jan. 26, the Mansfield Library began sending e-mails through umontana.edu addresses to library patrons to notify them of overdue or lost materials and library fines. Notices will no longer be sent to home addresses. "Libraries are constantly evolving and things are becoming so electronic we thought it was time to make this switch," said Barry Brown, science librarian at the Mansfield Library. Brown said library faculty and personnel first got the idea to use umontana.edu addresses after they heard about University of Montana Business Services implementing an online billing system that uses the university e-mail system. Brown began discussing the switch during the fall semester with Patricia Collins, a manager at the library. After they added up one month's worth of expenses from sending out regular mail notices, they estimated at least \$8,000 per year could be saved by eliminating postage alone. "That doesn't even include the money saved on cutting down on paper use and the time saved,"

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## UC director contract won't be renewed

Jesse Ziegler  
For the Kaimin

The University Center will be without a director in less than a month. According to an e-mail distributed to some campus members, UC director Joel Zarr announced he will not have his contract renewed by the University this June. Zarr announced the status of his position to his staff at a meeting on Tuesday morning. He also said he would be taking administrative leave starting March 5. "I have been informed by Dr. Teresa Branch, vice president (of) Student Affairs, that she is not renewing my contract for 'no

cause' effective June 30, 2004," Zarr wrote. The Kaimin was unable to contact Branch. Zarr, now in his third year as director, was hired after serving in a similar position for six years at Fresno State University. According to Kyle Engelson, chairman of the UC Board, Zarr's job was to oversee the operations of all aspects of the UC. Engelson said he wasn't able to comment on the reasons why Zarr's contract wouldn't be renewed because it had to do with personnel issues. Lee Clark, associate director of the UC, also declined to comment for the same reasons.

## Administrators seek discussion in budget forums

Alisha Wyman  
Montana Kaimin

Administrators held a forum Wednesday to unveil seven initiatives — part of a budget plan for 2005 until 2010. About 15 people met in the UC Ballroom to review the plan and ask administrators questions about the proposed initiatives. Some of the administrators' budget goals are to focus on non-resident enrollment, maintain academic quality and put more energy into entrepreneurial endeavors. These initiatives seek to fulfill those goals:

- The University of Montana is asking the state to cover expenses it should be responsible for, said Bob Duringer, vice president for Administration and Finance. The University is asking for \$5.1 million

**Officials discuss several budget-crunching options**

to cover overhead and fixed costs. The expenses include funding for the increase in resident-student enrollment, increased general costs, a state-funded pay plan and maintenance and repair of campus facilities.

- Because of the University's large economic impact on the Missoula community, administrators want to ask citizens for something back. The administration has proposed a property tax increase, from six to 12 mills. Duringer cited the revenue the UM Grizzly football team brings in as an example of UM's contribution to the economy in the greater Missoula area. "The wealth that comes into Missoula because we do that," Duringer said, "people don't realize that." The University brings in more than \$300 million each year, he said. So far, this initiative has received the most criticism since it was announced. During the forum, some members of the

audience followed suit by questioning an increased property tax on homeowners who are already burdened by taxes. One member of the audience brought up a sales tax as an alternate source of the money. "That's the third rail that you don't want to touch in Montana," Duringer said in response.

- Summer jobs no longer provide students with enough money to stretch through the entire school year, Duringer said. Instead, students are forced to take out loans and ultimately acquire a large debt. With \$3.5 million from the state, the University could help some students lower their tuition bills by funding the grant and loan program. But Duringer said it was important to offer more grants, which students don't have to pay back.
- When UM begins a building project, state law requires it to do business with the

lowest bidder for the project. The lowest price is not always the best buy if the end product falls apart in five years, Duringer said. "Price is just one component of the design you get for your building," he said. "If it lasts longer, you get a better value for the dollar." An initiative would address such dilemmas by creating an "enterprise" zone, which would exempt UM from state regulations in purchasing, construction, information technology and telecommunications.

- Dwindling out-of-state enrollment has had administrators struggling for a way to draw students to Montana from states such as Washington, Oregon, Texas and Illinois. "We drink a lot of bourbon thinking about this question," Duringer said, "and to no avail." UM is not alone in this problem, said

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# Human cloning should be closely monitored

More than a year after Clonaid claimed to have “created” Eve, the world’s first human clone, we need to check the ethics behind playing God.

If not checked, within a few years having children might become asexual. A little girl might only have one biological parent, but even then that parent will be more like a sibling, or more specifically a “delayed twin.”

What future does she have? What expectations will her parents have of her? Is the clone an offspring or a sibling? These are just a few life-long questions parents considering cloning will have to ask themselves and ultimately their clone.

Consider the child’s feeling of not being an “individual,” but merely a “carbon copy” of another human. It sounds impossible, considering all the negative consequences, but that is what Clonaid is claiming. If they have not done so, they are at least pushing for it to become legal.

The controversial international cloning group Clonaid claimed yesterday that it had successfully created its sixth cloned child in Sydney. Whether Clonaid really cloned a human being will not be determined for some time for fear that the United Nations may soon declare human cloning a crime against humanity, and rightly so.

Cloning could do more harm than good to not only the individual, but also to the social class system. Now imagine a real-life version of the movie Gattaca.

Who would be most eligible for cloning, and what would be improved through genetic engineering? By offering members of the upper class the opportunity to acquire desirable traits through genetic manipulation, we would bring about biological reinforcement of social inequality.

This may sound distant, but is quickly becoming a reality in the science community. During April 2003, the Human Genome Project was completed, successfully mapping all the human genes, together known as the genome.

If cloning were technically safe and usable, what would be the long-term advantages of it? The answer: Not many.

Cloning would most likely be used to care for a terminally ill person. A widely used scenario is of the terminally ill child who’s only chance of living would be through a bone marrow transplant from a cloned donor. Once the clone was old enough to have the operation and save the child, then an optimistic dream would see that the family of both children would love and care for them both equally.

Though there’s doubt human cloning will come into widespread use, it will be an issue to watch for in our future. Instead of cloning, maybe we should be more adherent to the effects that the Human Genome Project may bring about. Human genetic engineering will be applicable to a wide variety of traits and may become more powerful than cloning, hence more attractive to people.

-Adam Bystrom/photo editor

## Cuba column misses other facts

Regarding Andrew Bissell’s Jan. 4 letter:

1) If U.S. citizens are convicted of taking money from a hostile foreign power in order to subvert their own government, they are called “spies” and their acts are called “espionage”. Why is it that Cubans convicted of the same thing are called “dissidents” and their acts

are called “questioning”?

2) Granted, Cuba, like all Latin American countries after centuries of European and American exploitation, is poor. Yet if the U.S. provided automatic legal residency to every illegal immigrant from, say, Brazil, the Brazilian government (with a military far more powerful than Cubas)



would be unable to stop the entire country from becoming depopulated virtually overnight. What is remarkable is not that some Cubans come to the U.S., but rather that most stay in Cuba. Cuba, like the U.S., has some restrictions on travel (for example, 50 Americans are being investigated by the Treasury Department for travelling without

authorization to Cuba.) However, the main obstacle to safe and orderly emigration from Cuba is the U.S. refusal to live up to its treaty obligation to issue 20,000 visas to would-be legal immigrants every year.

3) Cuba’s government (of which Castro is one responsible agent, among others, with constitutionally defined powers) has a long history of opposing Stalinism — beginning with the revolution, which was opposed and sabotaged by the Moscow-backed leadership of the

Progressive Socialist Party. Cuba was one of the founding members of the Movement of Nonaligned Countries, and Cuban and Soviet troops actually took opposite sides in a Moscow-backed coup attempt in Angola in 1975. Cuba has continued to take actions — such as the 1989 execution of four generals for drug trafficking and other offenses — in order to curb bureaucratic abuse of office.

Loren Meyer  
graduate, philosophy

# Interview proves Bush now on the defensive

Guest column by

Rob Deters

Badger Herald  
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - I realize that not every college student is a political junkie. We often have better things to do on a Sunday morning than watch Meet the Press — like sleep.

Nevertheless, Bush was interviewed by Tim Russert this Sunday in order to talk about a number of issues that have been particularly troublesome. David Kay’s bombshell (or lack thereof) that we would probably find no WMDs in Iraq, renewed questions about where Bush was in 1972 when he should have been in Alabama serving with the National Guard and the still-flagging economy make Bush look as weak as he was when he started out his presidency.

It’s amazing to think three years ago Bush came into office via judicial fiat, was unpopular, presided over a sluggish economy and looked like the one-term president he most surely was going to be.

Then 9-11 occurred and everything black was white, dogs and cats were getting along like old friends and the poll numbers were off the charts.

However, Bush was back at his old game on Sunday. Or, more precisely, reminding us all why he’s such a terrible Commander-in-Chief.

Here are some quotes about Bush’s performance.

Peggy Noonan, a former Reagan speech writer and avowed conservative, says, “The president seemed tired, unsure and often bumbling. His answers were repetitive, and when he tried to clarify them he tended to make them worse. He did not seem prepared.”

John Podhoretz of the New York Post says, “Some of my fellow conservatives found his performance wanting. Or more than wanting.”

These are the quotes that made Bush look good. Conservative talk-show host Michael Graham called the interview a “disaster,” and Rod Dreher of the Dallas Morning News, also a conservative, said of Bush, “He looked nervous, defensive and intellectually insecure.”

That’s exactly what happens when you question a child of privilege about his behavior. Remember “The Simple Life”? Whenever Nicole Richie would get caught doing something stupendously stupid or inconsiderate, she’d throw a tantrum, get pissy, look confused or sometimes all three. President Bush is exactly the same.

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The lesson to be learned here is that Bush has an enormous sense of entitlement.

First of all, he’s the oldest child in a long line of American aristocracy. He was given a pass at college when his dismal grades (a C average) didn’t keep him from getting into the exclusive Harvard Business School.

When Bush’s business ventures in Texas folded due to his mismanagement, he was given an opportunity to invest in the Texas Rangers. Many people think Bush “bought” the Texas Rangers when, in reality, he was the front man for a large investment group and Bush was able to invest only 6 percent of the total purchase price into the project.

Bush also moved to annex an adjoining neighborhood using a state seizure of the land next to the old stadium in order to build the Rangers a new facility. Only a few years later, Bush changed that law so that the state of Texas could never appropriate a Texan’s land for projects exactly like his.

Next Bush ran for president, lost the election and still had it handed to him by judicial activism. The entitlement continues.

So when Bush is pressed to divulge his military records (which he asserted he did in 2000, but the record is still incomplete), he gets testy. When Bush is pressed to explain how he could say one thing (“Saddam currently has large quantities of chemical weapons”) when the exact opposite is true, he conceded the point, but looked like he had been kicked in the groin.

There is only one way to deal with someone who is so used to using his name, power and position to breeze through life. It is to

remind him that others have power, too.

Bush is one man, and in the contest that matters this November, he only has one vote. He’s trying to buy a lot more with the record-setting campaign war chest he’s been amassing. But all his money can’t buy integrity, intellectualism or honesty.

Bush is wanting in all three categories, and your vote can tell him so.

It is imperative to cast your ballot next Tuesday. Go to the polling place, if only because it’s good practice to figure out where you have to vote and get registered for this November. All it takes is one piece of mail establishing your residence and an ID — then you can be registered to vote in Wisconsin.

The best thing to do with someone who has coasted through life is to remind him that sometimes others are at the controls. Bush was given a pass in the last election. But this time we can end an era of entitlement for good.

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Partly Cloudy

Finally, something to get maybe at least a little excited about: a storm system is moving in off the Pacific coast and bringing with it some precipitation. How much? Not a lot. It looks like rain for the most part, with highs above normal. Could it be the end of the snow we've seen on the ground for months now? Hopefully not. It's no secret, Kaimin Weather loves the snow.

Kaimin Weather - "We wish we could call this work."

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Calendar of Events

Today, Feb. 12

**Play - "A Streetcar Named Desire"**  
Montana Repertory Theatre — 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 10-14 and Feb. 17-21  
Streetcar Named Desire — It's a classic. Avoid awkward points in conversations when the topic of the play comes up by seeing it.

**Art Exhibit**  
Social Sciences Building — 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

Exhibit - "MATRIX Press: Selections from the UM Department of Art Print Collection." and "Vickie Meguire: Essence of Pattern." Through Feb. 20. Art is like oxygen, you breath it in and release it as carbon dioxide.

**Valentine Art Fair Snooky-Wookums**  
UC Atrium — 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Valentine Art Fair at the UC. Wear pink and be camouflage. Your victims will admire your versatility.

**Delicious Blood Drive**  
UC 330-331 — 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
American Red Cross blood drive. Can't donate semen? Try blood!

**Valentine's Day Dinner**  
Food Zoo — 5-7:30 p.m.  
You wowed her last year with a romantic candlelight macaroni and cheese dinner with a side of Diet A+ soda. Now it's time to seal the deal.

Friday, Feb. 13

**UM Music Day**  
Music Building — all day  
UM Music Day for state high school students. Don't feel bad, every day is UM Music Day for us.

**Student Recital**  
Music Recital Hall — 7:30 p.m.

Tenor Thomas Hensley's student recital. Tenor Thomas Hensley...that kinda' rolls off the tongue, doesn't it.

**We've Got The Movie, Refrigerator**  
UC Theater — 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
Movies - "Intolerable Cruelty," 8 p.m., and "Kill Bill Vol. 1," 10 p.m. A lot can be said about these movies, but not here.

Saturday, Feb. 14

**Ice Climbing Course**  
An Icy Slope — Feb. 14-15  
Course - "Ice Climbing." Pre-trip meeting is at 6 p.m. on Feb. 13. First on the agenda: "Don't lick the icy mountain." \$89 includes instruction, transportation, and some equipment. Contact Campus Recreation, 243-5172

**Valentine Concert**  
University Theatre — 7:30 p.m.  
Concert - "A Valentine Present," Missoula Symphony Orchestra. We ♥ music.

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A snowboarder, who identified herself only as "The Big Mountain Bomber" grins as she weaves her way through the snow ghosts on the front side of Big Mountain last weekend. Student Tickets at Big Mountain cost \$41.

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MOUNTAIN

REVIEW:

# BIG mountain

If the weather is feeling fortuitous, and the clouds clear out, the summit of Big Mountain is a banquet for the eyes.

The raw peaks of Glacier National Park rise from the west. Flathead Lake lays like a mirror in the southward valley. The Canadian Rockies angle upward to the north. And all around, Flathead National Forest.

If it's just another day on Big Mountain, however, and the clouds obscure the surrounding landscape,

the mountain offers plenty of terrain to keep skiers of all levels satisfied.

The mountain stands like a sentinel over Whitefish in the northwestern corner of the state, a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Missoula. With 91 marked runs, 3,000 acres and 2,500 vertical feet, it's hard to get bored.

It's all about variety on this ski hill. From a number of green groomers, to wide-open bowls, tight tree skiing and a terrain park,

the mountain's equipped for first-timers as well as experts.

Hit the front side and weave in and out of the snow ghosts on Schmidt's Chute. Or check out the terrain park, located on the backside, where rails, boxes and gap jumps challenge the daring to big air. Or attempt the Glory Hole in Hellroaring Basin, where hits abound in the dense trees.

Watch out for a couple of long and leg-burning cat tracks, like Russ's Street and Gray Wolf. Many

of Big's best powder runs end up in basins with flat tracks all the way out. The mountain has many lifts, but some of the more convenient ones don't seem to ever be on. Other painfully flat runs to avoid include Expressway and Caribou.

However, for those into the flat stuff, there are many miles of groomed cross-country trails to explore.

Tickets for students are \$41. If that's too much, wait until next fall, when the mountain offers \$25 tick-

ets for the first few weeks of operation.

Big Mountain rises high above the wealthy and friendly villa of Whitefish. Where some of Montana's richest go to hibernate, you can shack up with tons of other college ski bums in many hotels for less than \$50. Nightlife includes something for everyone, from regular local hangouts to an attempt at a big-city nightclub.

*Kaimin Outdoors Staff*

## Full moon skiing without the moon a burly endeavor



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Sideways snow spattered against my cheeks. A wind had met us as we cleared a ridge, and was now slipping through the fabric of my hat and long underwear, searching for skin. I looked up, but through the darkness the inky smears of the hikers ahead of me had melted into the black night. The ridge continued to climb into the murky sky, and I could only guess our destination.

The snowy trail's incline melted slightly but my legs refused to continue. Again.

I sent urgings and coaxes down to them, but my ankles screamed in relentless defiance. My knees ached and wobbled and my calf muscles burned incessantly. The message sent to me by my lower regions was plain and simple: stop.

I searched the sky and found a sea of clouds.

My bright expectations of a full-moon, backcountry ski adventure were not realized. Instead, they had turned into a dark, snowy death march.

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When I first heard the idea from my roommate Reilly's boyfriend — an avid backcountry skier and all-around burly character — I was immediately taken with it.

*Backcountry skiing under a full moon.* The image was almost pastoral in its perfection.

What I saw was silvery moonlight illuminating soft, powder-laden hills under the canopy of a blue-black, star-strewn night. A handful of skiers and snowboarders frolicking in this winter wonderland, whooping with the ecstasy that only powder turns can inspire. Smiling at our ingenuity. Admiring the moon — the star of the night's event — which would surely be aiming its generous face in our direction.

Not so.

When we — six skiers and three snowboarders — arrived at lower Crystal Amphitheater near Lolo Pass on Friday night, it was snow-

ing. On the ride up the moon had teased us with a quick glimpse, but it had since retreated to some private business behind a drape of clouds.

It was dark.

But the mood was festive, the boys were fiery and nobody faltered.

So we squeezed feet into boots, pulled on layers and zipped up. The boys attached skins — thin material with remarkable grip that allows skiers to ski uphill with their heels free — to their skis. Reilly and I, along with two others, strapped on snowshoes. I fumbled in the dark with what seemed like 50 tangled straps, 10 cinchers and impossible rubber backs until I somehow maneuvered my ungainly snowboard boots into the shoes.

That done, I stood up and pulled my pack and board onto my back. I was ready just in time to bring up the tail end.

Things began smoothly. I couldn't really see the trail, but it was wide and hard-packed and gentle, so it didn't matter.

Soon enough, though, we left the road behind and cut up to a ridge. That was when my troubles started.

Without poles or sight, my balance was impaired. The skin trail kept slipping away from my wide snowshoes. The hulking board on my back tilted and shifted. It seemed like we were hiking up a 70-degree incline. My breath came in ragged gasps. I thought bitterly of the head lamp I had left laying on my bed.

This was not the kind of backcountry experience I was used to — an easy hike a short distance from Lolo Pass, followed by building a jump, nice turns and lots of just hanging out in the snow.

The boys were a freight train. They plowed up the hill, devouring the trail.

I was the small, sluggish caboose.

With nothing to look at but a smudged landscape, I was alone in my head. Worries began to emerge. Visions of tree collisions, tumbling crashes and nighttime blizzards arose.

"Shit," I thought. "This is dangerous. Backcountry skiing has enough dangers, and we are about to do it in the *dark*. What are we doing?"

As I was attempting to smother

these thoughts, after about 10 rest stops and 1,000 vertical feet, lots of gasping and major work with my legs, I mounted one last steep section and saw the group, which had stopped for one last time.

We were there. And I was worked.

We buddied up and began the descent.

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**Car Accident Victims**



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A car makes its way up Snowbowl Road Wednesday afternoon. Plans are in place to widen the road and construction could begin this summer.

## Snowbowl Road to be widened

Madeleine Creevy  
For the Kaimin

As University of Montana graduate Becky Flavin hopped into her Jeep Wrangler after a long day of snowboarding at Snowbowl mountain last weekend, she reminded herself to drive slowly.

"You have to respect Snowbowl Road and take it easy or else you are going over," Flavin said.

She speaks from experience. Last winter, Flavin lost control of her car as she skidded across thick ice and fresh snow, eventually landing in a ditch.

Flavin realized she was driving too fast for conditions, but contends that Snowbowl road is treacherous.

"If you ski up at Snowbowl enough it is inevitable that you are going to go over once. It is so steep and narrow at points you have to be really familiar with the terrain in order to remain in control," she said.

Snowbowl officials, Forest Service experts and engineers and the Montana Department of Transportation agree.

Brad Morris, owner of Snowbowl, is working with Forest Service officials and local engineers to widen and add safety improvements to Snowbowl Road.

The improvements began this summer with the expansion of the parking lot, and the road widening could begin as early as summer 2004, Forest Service engineer Chad Benson said.

Phase one of Snowbowl's road improvement plan has been approved, Benson said, and now

the Forest Service is waiting to receive design plans from Snowbowl's engineers in order to get started on phase two, which includes widening the road and installing guard rails, additional pull-outs and other safety features.

The original road improvement plan was approved in 1996 by the Forest Service, the agency which grants Snowbowl a special usage permit to operate on National Forest land.

"Since we lease the mountain from the Forest Service, every change has to be approved by them," Morris said.

This is why change does not come quickly or cheaply up on the hill, Morris said.

The Forest Service originally thought it could contribute to the road renovations, but unfortunately it has not had the money, Morris said.

Morris said the road is a double-edged sword. Snowbowl cannot build any new lifts until the road is widened, but there is not enough money to pay for the road to be widened until Snowbowl can build another lift.

"We have taken on the whole project and are planning to eventually pay it off by adding a new lift and getting more skiers and snowboarders on the mountain," Morris said.

Morris said he believes the entire road improvement project will cost around \$750,000 to \$1 million.

Jack Williams of the Montana Department of Transportation Safety and Traffic Bureau said

there have been 103 reported traffic crashes on Snowbowl Road in the last 10 years.

Of these, there has been one fatality and 29 serious injuries, Williams said.

"The road was not built with the intention to serve this many travelers," Williams said.

Benson said he has stacks of accident reports from the road on file in his office.

"The driving force behind this project is safety. It is a dangerous road in the winter and it needs to be renovated," Benson said.

"We are hoping to show the Forest Service our designs in the next few weeks," Morris said.

In the meantime, Morris said, people should drive slowly and pay attention to conditions.

Monica Hilliard, an employee of 18 years at Red's Towing — the company that handles distress calls from Snowbowl Road — said she has noticed a significant decline in calls this year.

"I don't know if people just figured out that they have to drive slower or what," Hilliard said.

She said she is sure if the weather starts to change — in the right or wrong direction — and the snow starts to really come down, her phone will start ringing more often.

"If it is really dumping snow we send trucks over there early to help people," she said.

If all goes well, maybe as early as next winter skiers and snowboarders will not have to worry about having to be pulled out of a ditch — at least not as often.

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# Lorenzen a star on the court, celebrity in her own mind

Josi Carlson  
Montana Kaimin

Brooklynn Lorenzen loves the surreal world of reality television and pop music. She longs to be a Hollywood celebrity.

But in the world of women’s basketball, the University of Montana point guard is already living the dream.

All eyes have been on Lorenzen because in the past two weeks she has become the UM career leader in assists, named the Big Sky Player of the Week and tied the Montana single-game record with 15 assists in a win against Portland State.

“I do whatever I can to help the team in every game,” said Lorenzen. “I try to distribute the ball and take advantage of who’s on that game.”

In Montana’s comeback win at Eastern Washington on Saturday night, Lorenzen had the hot hand. She scored a personal season high of 22 points and helped bring the Lady Griz back from a 10-point deficit to a 67-61 victory.

“[Brooklynn] is a great leader,” said Robin Selvig, the Lady Griz head coach. “She’s the prototype point guard and she gets the job done.”

But don’t be fooled by Lorenzen’s hard-nosed demeanor on the court. The 5-foot-5-inch bundle of energy from Corvallis, Ore., tries not to take life too seriously.

“The one word I can think of to describe Brooklynn would be fun,” said Jill Henkel, a fellow senior and teammate.

Henkel described Lorenzen as an intense competitor who manages to turn any event, including boring road trips and practice, into a good time.

“At practice, if Brooklynn’s on defense and you’re going up for a lay-up, she’ll run down and flash you,” Henkel said. “It seems like her ass is always hanging out somehow, too.”

Lorenzen dreams that one day her flair for theatrics will bring her an encounter with one of the many celebrities she loves, including Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake.

“I like to think that one day my claim to fame will be that J-Lo is my friend,” Lorenzen said. “I am totally a teeny-bopper at heart.”

Lorenzen started doing some acting of her own when she was constantly asked about her heritage. Although she is Korean, Lorenzen prefers to tell people

that, like Tiger Woods, she is her own mixture of ethnicities. She calls her heritage Blanasian — a combination of Black, Native American and Asian.

She was actually born in Korea on May 28, 1982, and was adopted by Mike and Patricia Lorenzen three months later. Her adoptive parents already had three boys and Lorenzen described her childhood as a typical suburban upbringing. She compares growing up in Corvallis to the serene lifestyle of the movie “Pleasantville.”

“My mom was always the one driving the team to all the tournaments in the van,” she said.

Her parents remain supportive, although it’s about 10 hours from her hometown to Missoula. They’ve come pretty much every other weekend, she said.

Another one of her biggest supporters is her high school sweetheart and fiancé, Grant Murphy, who is a self-proclaimed Lady Griz groupie.

“I’m sure anyone who has been to a Lady Griz game has heard him yelling,” Lorenzen said. “He’s pretty much the loudest.”

Murphy is very aware of Lorenzen’s pop culture obsession and finds it endearing.

“She’s in her own little happy world,” Murphy said. “In her mind she really will be famous one day.”

Murphy and Lorenzen have been dating since their junior year of high school and will be married in Corvallis on July 10.

“Of course it’s going to be the party of the century,” Lorenzen said.

Coming out of high school, Lorenzen had big shoes to fill when she arrived at UM in the fall of 2000. Former career assists leader Skyla Sisco had just graduated after an illustrious tenure. Taking over the point guard position from a Big Sky Conference MVP as a true freshman would seem a daunting task.

“It wasn’t that big of a deal to me,” said Lorenzen. “My high school coach taught me that basketball was basketball at any level, so I felt fairly prepared.”

The ability to handle any situation is one of the things that makes Lorenzen such a great point guard, Selvig said.

Lorenzen plans to continue using her court knowledge next year as a graduate assistant for



Mike Cohea/Montana Kaimin

Brooklynn Lorenzen lays up a basket past Utah’s Kim Smith during their Jan. 10 game. The Lady Griz won 61-58.

the Lady Griz. She will graduate in the spring with a degree in organizational communications and has already applied to the UM business graduate school.

So, do the people who know Lorenzen best think her adaptabil-

ity will land her a star on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame?

“She’s got no chance,” Selvig said. “She’s pretty talented in a lot of areas, but I think basketball is her best chance for being famous.”

Lorenzen’s future husband has a more positive outlook for his star-struck fiancé.

“She’ll probably end up on MTV,” Murphy said. “The whole world will know who B-Lo is.”

## Griz football looks to Colorado game

Will Cleveland  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana football team has never played a team from the Big 12 Conference, but that might change.

Wayne Hogan, UM’s athletic director, said he is in preliminary discussions with Colorado University to meet the Buffaloes in 2006.

“They have contacted me on two separate occasions,” Hogan said. “We are very interested and we would love to play in Boulder.”

Hogan said the date being discussed for the football game is Sept. 6, 2006.

This would be the first meeting between the two Rocky Mountain institutions, but it wouldn’t be the first time the Griz have played against a major

college football opponent. The Griz have played against I-A powers like Washington State, Kansas State, Oregon and Syracuse.

Not including yearly meetings with I-A Idaho, Montana last played a major college football opponent in 1996, when the Griz beat Oregon State 35-14 in Corvallis, Ore.

If a deal is inked, it would be the first time the Buffaloes have played a football game against a I-AA opponent since the NCAA instituted the current structure of college football play in 1974.

Hogan said discussions are still in the preliminary stages and that no contract has yet been signed, but if a deal is struck, it could bring \$300,000 or more to an athletic department that is seeking an increase in student athletic

fees. UM and CU have many ties.

Griz head coach Bobby Hauck was a CU assistant under former coach Rick Neuheisel. Hauck’s staff includes Fred VonAppen, a former assistant coach for the Buffs, and Ty Gregorak, a former CU linebacker, while current Grizzly starting quarterback Craig Ochs was a starter for the Buffs two seasons ago.

Hauck said he is excited by the possibility of returning to his former place of employment.

“I think it would be a lot of fun,” Hauck said. “They have a great atmosphere down there and they always have good teams. For us to go play a team in the Big 12 would be a huge challenge, but we would definitely learn from it.”

## Griz head to WSU

The University of Montana men’s basketball team (5-16, 2-7 Big Sky Conference) hopes to end an eight-game losing streak as it heads to Weber State (10-11, 3-5 BSC) to play the Wildcats.

The Griz have lost 15 of their last 17 games and will play without the tutelage of head coach Pat Kennedy from the bench. Kennedy was suspended because of negative remarks he made toward the officials after Saturday’s game against Eastern Washington.

UM will listen to assistant coach Wayne Tinkle and rely upon top shooters Kamarr Davis, a junior forward, and sophomore guard Kevin Criswell to get them out of their slump.

Davis leads the team in points, averaging 12.9 per game, while Criswell follows closely with 12.3 points per game.

Weber State is led by Slobodan Ockoljic, who averages 15.2 points and 7.1 rebounds per game.

The game can be heard on KGVO 1290 AM at 7:05 p.m.

-Kaimin Sports Staff



# Lady Griz host defensively tough Weber State team

**Jeff Windmueller**  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana women's basketball team will meet one of its toughest defensive adversaries when it faces the Weber State Wildcats in the Adams Center at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday.

Weber State came closer than any other Big Sky Conference team to defeating the Lady Griz when it was beaten 63-60 in January.

"(The Wildcats) are a really good defensive team," said Lady Griz head coach Robin Selvig. "And they rely a lot upon three-point shots."

Although the Lady Griz (18-4, 7-0 Big Sky Conference) lead the Big Sky in scoring defense, allowing an average of 54.9 points per game, Weber State follows closely at 58.9 points per game.

And while Weber State (11-9, 5-2 BSC) has made more three-pointers (118) with two games less than UM, the Lady Griz lead the conference in defense against three-pointers, holding most teams to an average shooting percentage of .309.

"I'm nervous, (Weber State) is a great team and they're very capable of knocking us off," said sophomore guard Katie Edwards. "Losing at home is the worst thing ever."

To keep the Wildcats off balance, the Lady Griz will have to be on the lookout for Weber State's two leading sharpshooters, Julie Gjertsen and Sheila Robertson.

Gjertsen is second in the conference in scoring, averaging 15.9 points with 1.95 three-pointers per game.

Meanwhile, Robertson specializes in the treyland shot, ranking third on the conference list by making an average of 2.05 per game. She averages a .333 three-point field goal percentage and an average of 8.9 points per game.

The Wildcats will have to

watch out for top performances from senior point-guard Brooklynn Lorenzen and junior center Hollie Tyler.

Lorenzen, UM's all-time career assister, leads the conference in assists and has had some of her most impressive performances in the last two games. She tied UM's single-game assist record at 15 against Portland State on Feb. 5, and scored her season-high 22 points to help the Lady Griz come back from a 10-point deficit to beat Eastern Washington 67-61 on Feb. 7.

Tyler is ranked fourth in the conference in both points (13.8 pg) and rebounds (7.4 pg), leading the Lady Griz in both categories.

The Lady Griz are on top of the conference and have won the last eight games in a row, the longest streak in four years. Meanwhile, Selvig is nearing 600 career league wins with 593, and said he is not at all concerned with records or streaks, and doesn't let the girls either.

"Rob's good about keeping us level-headed," Edwards said. "We play one game at a time."

## Big Sky Conference basketball standings

### Women's

- 1. Montana.....7-0
- 2. Idaho State.....6-1
- 3. Weber State.....5-2
- 4. Eastern Washington.....4-3
- 5. Northern Arizona.....3-4
- 6. Montana State.....2-5
- 7. Sacramento State.....1-6
- 8. Portland State.....0-6

### Men's

- 1. Eastern Washington.....8-1
- 2. Northern Arizona.....5-3
- 3. Idaho State.....5-3
- 4. Sacramento State.....4-4
- 5. Montana State.....4-5
- 6. Weber State.....3-5
- 7. Portland State.....3-6
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# ASUM votes to continue with Martz lawsuit

Curtis Wackerle  
Montana Kaimin

In a long debate, ASUM voted 14-8 on Wednesday night not to pull out of a lawsuit accusing Gov. Judy Martz and the 58th Montana Legislature of breaking the law last year when Martz extended the term of student regent Christian Hur.

The suit, brought by last year’s Montana Associated Students, claims Martz broke the law because she did not consult MAS on their recommendations for new candidates, instead extending the two-year term of Hur, who she selected in 2001.

MAS is a body of all the student body presidents at Montana public universities

put in place by the Board of Regents to select candidates for the student regent. Montana law states that the governor “shall appoint the student ... based upon a nomination provided by a student organization designated by the Board of Regents.”

Proponents of the suit said seeking the opinion of the court will clarify how much discretion the governor has over the recommendations of students.

“We as students shouldn’t be afraid to question the government in Helena,” Sen. Rob Welsh said. “The lawsuit puts the spine back in the student body. We were wronged by the governor.”

ASUM President Aaron Flint, who draft-

ed the failed resolution to pull out of the lawsuit, said the suit undermines the credibility of student government by making them appear partisan. He said the law needs clarification, a suit is the wrong way to achieve it.

“I felt it was a rush to litigation when they should have sought legislation,” Flint said.

During the two hour-plus debate on the resolution, many senators pointed to the money already spent on the lawsuit. The law firm of Meloy Trieweler in Helena has collected \$6,000 in student funds from across the state, with \$1,000 of that coming from the University of Montana.

Speaking to supporters of resolution,

Sen. Vinnie Pavlish said, “You want to cut this off before we get our money’s worth.”

But some felt that pulling out of the suit would save ASUM the embarrassment of a loss.

“I’m sorry last year’s senate chose to waste \$1,000 on a lawsuit that has no merit,” Sen. Patrick Van Orden said.

Opening arguments in the case were scheduled to begin on Wednesday but have been delayed for two weeks.

Both sides hope that clarification will eventually be reached.

“Having spent the \$1,000, damn the torpedoes, let’s see what happens in the courtroom,” said Sen. Andrew Bissell.

## Library

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Collins said.

Collins said they also made the decision with the environment in mind.

“So far a lot of people have said they are happy with the huge amounts of paper saved,” she said.

Collins said the library uses in-house circulation software that automatically sends a reminder, with the material’s title and due date, to people one week in advance. Then notices are sent

out to inform people of late fees until a lost material statement is issued.

Library patrons must check their umontana.edu e-mail accounts for notifications, although Brown said paper receipts with due dates are still issued with every check-out.

“People can check their accounts if they keep up with their receipts, but they will still have to use the e-mail accounts if they want reminders or lose their receipts,” Brown said.

Collins said students and staff members working at the

Information Center have been trained to inform people about the new process.

“They ask people if they understand it,” Collins said. “Then they have information they can give to help out.”

UM Computer and Information Systems started up the umontana.edu address system before the beginning of the fall semester. Every student now has a UM e-mail account that begins with the first letter of the person’s first name and the first letter of the last name, followed by six random digits. The final result looks

like FL123456@cuel.umt.edu.

Every student also has a label, or alias, which isn’t a separate account. This is in the form of firstname.lastname@umontana.edu — the address CIS recommends that students give out as their contact address.

Dean of Library Services Frank D’Andraia said the e-mail notices should also increase the number of people who actually receive the reminders.

“Before (the e-mail system), our rate of return — getting notifications back from the post office because they couldn’t find

the students — was very high,” D’Andraia said.

Brown said this is because college students are constantly moving to new addresses and it’s hard for the library to keep up with their movement. He said the switch will help the library track students even if they change home addresses and it will encourage students to use UM’s new e-mail system.

“Hopefully, the library’s switch to this might motivate people to find out about their umontana addresses,” Brown said.

## Budget

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Bill Muse, executive director for planning, budgeting and analysis. The struggling stock market and economy motivate students to go to their state universities.

“It’s getting a lot more tempting for mom and dad to send their kids to school at home,” Muse said.

The University would like to appeal to middle-income, out-of-state high school students at career fairs by offering them financial aid to whichever UM campus they are most compatible with.

“Right now we have to compete with each other,” Duringer said.

A “destination education” program

would pull UM and all of its campuses’ marketing efforts together, Duringer said. The cost of the program would be \$1 million for the biennium.

- The University will soon begin building a new journalism building, Duringer said. The construction was funded by donations, but the administration wants to ask the state to fund the upkeep and expenses of the building upon completion, which would amount to \$300,000 each year.
- Missoula doesn’t draw many entrepreneurial companies because of one main reason: There are no experienced employees to outfit them once they are here, Duringer said.

Other institutions in states such as

Georgia and North Carolina have benefited from money they’ve garnered from research projects begun on their campuses — projects that resulted in marketable discoveries.

While the money those schools have earned is “like winning the lottery,” Duringer said, it’s still something UM should look into.

The University is seeking more corporate partnerships and research grants, such as the partnership it has already established with the American Heart Association.

According to the proposed budget, administrators also would like to establish the “Montana Career Academy,” which would focus on linking high school and two-year education programs. Students could get technical job training in fields

such as carpentry and plumbing.

Rep. Dick Haines from House District 63 said there were components of some of the initiatives he was optimistic about and others he felt should be changed.

“I think you have to look how they might be modified,” he said.

It’s the details that need to be looked into further, he said. Aside from that, the state should consider investing money in the University.

“I think University of Montana and Montana State University and their satellite schools are possibly the best solution for the economic woes,” Haines said.

The next budget forum will be Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

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